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Legislative Committee Votes to Extend Naturopathic Medical Board

On December 4, 2001 the Joint Legislative Health Committee of Reference voted 9 - 0 to extend the life of the Naturopathic Medical Board for three more years. All state agencies are required to go through a periodic "Sunset Review" of this type. The potential is that the agency could be determined to be unnecessary and potentially disbanded. Sunset reviews are an opportunity for the agency operations to be reviewed and modified if needed. NPBOMEX had been under scrutiny for some internal management problems, and had been threatened with only a one-year extension similar to what was done with the allopathic board last year.

The committee hearing and vote was the culmination of over a year of hard work by the Board staff and many members of the profession. NPBOMEX has gone through some significant and positive changes over the last year. This fact was not lost on Senate Health Committee Chair, Susan Gerard. She noted in making her motion to continue NPBOMEX that she was very pleased with the progress made in the reformation of the agency. House Health Chair John Huppenthal also acknowledged that many positive changes were occurring at NPBOMEX.

The Auditor General's Office noted that NPBOMEX had complied with, or was in the process of complying with, the majority of their recommendations from the performance audit of last year. Most of the time in the hearing was spent on the scope of practice of naturopathic physicians licensed in Arizona. The review of Board operations actually lasted only a few minutes. The legislators seemed most interested in the safety record of the profession and the fact that there has been no malpractice claims filed with the Board, or in a court of law regarding the prescribing practices of a naturopathic physician licensed in this state.

The Board's Executive Director, Dr. Craig Runbeck, gave his assurances to the Committee that he would work very hard to "faithfully and fully implement"

the recommendations of the Auditor General's Office and the directions from the Legislature.

New Rules In the Works

One of the most stinging criticisms of the NPBOMEX in the Auditor's Performance Audit was that there have been no new rules adopted for many years. This is about to change. On November 29, 2001, the agency opened a new rules docket and will be filing a new rules package in the next few weeks. These rules are necessary to interpret the law and will cover areas like continuing medical education, requirements for dispensing, naturopathic medical assistants, requirements for licensure, licensing time frames, and investigational medicine.

The public will be invited to give input on these new rules in writing, or in person, and the proposed rules will be available for review on the Internet prior to adoption.

NPBOMEX Online

Check out our new web site:
www.npbomex.az.gov

Statistics! The News is Good

Physicians licensed in Arizona	302
Medical Students	82
Postgraduate Training Programs	8
Preceptee's	14
Dispensing Facilities	141
Naturopathic Medical Assistance	10

Naturopathic Physicians Board of Medical Examiners Board meeting schedule:

January 10	July 11
February 14	August 8
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 10
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12

NPBOMEX Staff Reorganization

New Duties/New People

The Board has experienced a 100% turn over in staff since May 12, 2001. Dr. Craig Runbeck was hired as the Executive Director in July 2001. Ms. Paula Brierley was hired two weeks later as the new administrative assistant. Ms. Brierley was promoted to Deputy Director of Licensing and Investigations in November 2001.

Ms. Ann West was hired as the new Administrative Secretary in November 2001.

Ms. Janet Castrovinci, formerly the investigations and compliance officer, has moved to the position of Deputy Director for the Private Post Secondary Education Board.

Courtesy Inspections Continue

Starting January 2002, expect to see Dr. Runbeck making the rounds. The idea behind courtesy inspections is to encourage compliance with the law, not enforcement of the law. At this time, an opportunity will be granted to encourage voluntary compliance. Doing the inspection fieldwork allows Dr. Runbeck the opportunity to get to know you and visa versa. Input and suggestions are welcome.

Board of Directors

Last year the Legislature authorized the addition of two board members, increasing the Board from 5 to 7 members. In addition, three vacancies were created last year. Veteran members are Ms. Jeanne Martin (Phoenix) and Dr. Mark James (Flagstaff).

BOARD BIO'S FOR 2002

Ms. Jeanne Martin has been a Phoenix resident since 1958. She has a degree in business administration and before retirement owned an insurance brokerage firm. She has two adult age children. Ms. Martin has been a public member on the Board since 1993.

Dr. Konrad Kail graduated from National College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in 1983.

He co-founded Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, and is the director of the Southwest College Research Institute. He is a member of the Advisory Council to the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) at the National Institutes for Health. Dr. Kail has been a physician member on the Board since 2001.

Cathleen Balholm Field graduated with a degree in Broadcasting at ASU and worked for 8 years in television news as a reporter and producer for stations in Phoenix, Portland and Los Angeles. Ms. Field is the mother of three children and is raising them "naturally". Ms. Field has been a public member of the Board since 2001.

Dr. Paul DeLoe is a long time member of the naturopathic profession and political mentor to many. His practice is located in Show Low, AZ. He has been a physician member of the Board since 2001.

Dr. Debora Chelson is a naturopathic physician practicing in Prescott, AZ. She has been a physician member of the Board since 2001. She served as a Board Member for the Arizona Naturopathic Association for four years and was the president for a portion of that time.

Mr. Kip Micuda, Director of the Attorney/Consumer Assistance Program for the State Bar of Arizona, obtained his BSPA and JD from the University of Arizona. In 1996, he became an Administrative Law Judge for the Arizona Office of Administrative Hearings. Since 1998, Mr. Micuda has served as a Judge Pro Tem for the Maricopa County Superior Court and Phoenix City Court. In 2000, Governor Jane Dee Hull appointed him to the Arizona Structural Pest Control Commission and the Arizona Board of Naturopathic Medical Examiners, and the Arizona Department of Health Services appointed him to the Maricopa County Human Rights Commission. Mr. Micuda is a trained mediator and volunteers his time to conduct mediations in several contexts.

Dr. Mark James is a naturopathic physician and has been a physician member of the Board since 1999. Mark James lives in Flagstaff with his wife, Mary Poore, also a naturopathic doctor, and his 3 girls, Cara, Emily and Lily. Aside from his medical practice he teaches nutrition at a massage school in Flagstaff and has been running races whenever possible for over 22 years. He is currently training with renewed vigor since turning 50 years old and entering a new age group category.

Together, your new Board and Staff are committed to providing the citizens of Arizona, and the regulated community, the highest possible level of customer service. Always feel free to call with your questions or to offer constructive criticisms and suggestions on how we can do our job better.

Renewal Deadlines for 2002 A.R.S. 32-1526

(C) Each physician who holds an active license to practice naturopathic medicine in this state shall renew the license on or before January 1 of each year by supplying the executive director with information the board determines is necessary and payment of the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527.

(D) A physician who holds a certificate to dispense shall renew the certificate on or before July 1 of each year by supplying the executive director with information the board determines is necessary and by paying the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527

(E) A person who holds a certificate as a medical assistant shall renew the certificate on or before July 1 of each year by supplying the executive director with information the board determines is necessary and by paying the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527

(F) A person who holds a certificate to conduct an internship, a preceptorship or a clinical training program, a postdoctoral training program or a school of naturopathic medicine shall renew the certificate on or before January 1 of each year by supplying the executive director with information the board determines is necessary and by paying the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527

(H.) A naturopathic medical student who holds a certificate to engage in a clinical training program shall renew the certificate for each year of the student's clinical training by supplying the executive director with information the board determines is necessary and paying the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527. The initial annual renewal date shall be one year after the board approved the application for the clinical training program.

(I) A person who is a graduate of an approved school of naturopathic medicine and who holds a certificate to engage in an internship program or a

preceptorship program shall renew the certificate for each year of the person's internship or preceptorship by supplying the executive director with information the board determines is necessary and paying the annual renewal fee prescribed in section 32-1527. The initial annual renewal date shall be one year after the board approved the application for the internship or the preceptorship.

(J) A person who fails to renew a license or certificate within thirty days after the due date shall pay a late renewal fee for late renewal as prescribed in section 32-1527. A person who fails to do so within sixty days after the due date without adequate cause acceptable to the board is subject to probation, suspension or revocation pursuant to section 32-1551.

All of the above and more can be viewed at
WWW.npbomex.az.gov. ~ Laws

REMINDER: A.R.S. 32-1507. **Change in Status**

A. "Each person who holds a license or certificate pursuant to this chapter shall inform the board in writing, within thirty days, of any change in status of that person's initial application including any change of name, residence, practice address and telephone number and of each subsequent change of status. A licensee's or a certificate holder's residential address and residential telephone number or numbers are not available to the public unless they are the only address and numbers of record."

That's it for this bi-yearly newsletter. Now it's your turn. What would you like to see in this newsletter? Let us know at 602-542-8242 or email to:

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PS: Check out the next page for the newest of the new. ☺

Welcome New

Dr. Sharon Lynn Alexander
 Dr. Patricia Allen
 Dr. Christian E. Armanti
 Dr. Jacqueline J. Arnold
 Dr. Dawn Bantel
 Dr. Maria Duchesne Bell
 Dr. Eli Ber
 Dr. Buffy Shawn Binder
 Dr. Holly Castle
 Dr. Michael Chung
 Dr. Diana Rae D'Andrea
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 Dr. Stephanie Anne Eastman
 Dr. Anne Marie Fine
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Permanent License By Endorsement to Practice Medicine In Arizona Granted in 2001

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 Dr. Ralph Capone, Jr ~ WA
 Dr. Cheryl Derooin ~ WA

Dr. Thomas A. Kruzel ~ OR
 Dr. Stephen Messer ~ OR
 Dr. Paula Milisen ~ VT
 Dr. Robert Milisen ~ VT

Dr. Veronique Pangia ~ WA
 Dr. Michael A. Uzick ~ WA